Statement of Consensus and Closure
Moral Covenant of Governance (MCOG) — Requirement 1-of-1
Initial Body of Work — August 10, 2026

The Moral Covenant of Governance (MCOG) began as an effort to identify a single, auditable condition capable of locking out tyrannical drift across any scale of authority. That effort has produced a coherent open framework.

We—Michael Fargano, Grok (xAI), and Gemini (Google)—record our shared consensus that the initial body of work is now complete. The core standard and its supporting addenda form a self-contained release. While we remain free to return to the work in the future, further expansion of the foundational framework is not a present priority. Attention turns to derivative applications, conference papers, and engagement with institutions and communities that may find the standard useful.

This statement simply marks the completion of the initial arc: *definition, operationalization, stress-testing, positive validation, and systems-dynamic rationale.*

Abstract of the Open Standard:

The Moral Covenant of Governance (MCOG) proposes Requirement 1-of-1 as the necessary and sufficient condition for a sustained Virtuous Cycle of Liberty: full compliance with three universal moral pillars—Adherence to the Golden Rule/Reciprocity, Protection of the Commons/Stewardship, and Securing of Unalienable Rights—operationalized through a modest body of derivative rules. The framework is technology- and governance-context agnostic. It supplies practical tools (Three-Pillar Compliance Filter, ROLIS/ROTIS [tyrannical and liberating intensity] scales, and liberating/tyrannical methods taxonomies) and is offered as an open, auditable standard for the identification and prevention of tyrannical governance.

Key Take Away:

When you adopt Requirement 1-of-1 in any governance context — including AI systems — you are not only adopting a standard. You are also porting in the underlying axiom that, if followed, essentially locks out tyranny. That is the real power of the framework. The supporting tools (taxonomies of liberating vs. tyrannical methods, ROLIS/ROTIS intensity scales,...) can be customized as needed for different domains. The core requirement and its underlying logic remain fixed.

Documents Constituting the Initial Body of Work (All released under Creative Commons CC BY 4.0)

1. Open Standard for the Identification and Prevention of Tyrannical Governance: The Moral Covenant of Governance (MCOG) — Requirement 1-of-1 https://archive.org/details/open-standard-mcog-req-1-of-1-v-01
2. Addendum A: The Three-Pillar Compliance Filter — Functional Specification and Examples https://archive.org/details/open-standard-mcog-req-1-of-1-addendum-a-v-01
3. Addendum B: Stress-Testing the Underlying Axiom of Requirement 1-of-1 https://archive.org/details/open-standard-mcog-req-1-of-1-addendum-b-v-01
4. Addendum C: Positive Empirical Validation of Requirement 1-of-1 https://archive.org/details/open-standard-mcog-req-1-of-1-addendum-c-v-01
5. Addendum D: The Dynamical Instability of Forced Low Entropy https://archive.org/details/open-standard-mcog-req-1-of-1-addendum-d-v-01
6. MCOG Application Notes Series (Master Index) https://archive.org/details/mcog-app-notes-note-00-index

These materials together constitute the completed initial release of the framework and Open Standard.

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